

Fill in this information to identify your case:

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Case number (if known)

Chapter you are filing under:

☐ Chapter 7

☐ Chapter 11

☐ Chapter 12

☒ Chapter 13

☐ Check if this an amended filing

Official Form 101

Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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The bankruptcy forms use you and Debtor 1 to refer to a debtor filing alone. A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*—and in joint cases, these forms use you to ask for information from both debtors. For example, if a form asks, “Do you own a car,” the answer would be yes if either debtor owns a car. When information is needed about the spouses separately, the form uses *Debtor 1* and *Debtor 2* to distinguish between them. In joint cases, one of the spouses must report information as *Debtor 1* and the other as *Debtor 2*. The same person must be *Debtor 1* in all of the forms.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Part 1: Identify Yourself

About Debtor 1:

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

1. Your full name

Write the name that is on your government-issued picture identification (for example, your driver's license or passport).

Bring your picture identification to your meeting with the trustee.

**Jose**

First name

Middle name

**Ramos**

Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)

**Carmen**

First name

Middle name

**Ramos**

Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)

2. All other names you have used in the last 8 years

Include your married or maiden names.

3. Only the last 4 digits of your Social Security number or federal Individual Taxpayer Identification number (ITIN)

**xxx-xx-9516**

**xxx-xx-7038**

Debtor 1 **Jose Ramos**  
Debtor 2 **Carmen Ramos**

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**About Debtor 1:**

**About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):**

**4. Any business names and Employer Identification Numbers (EIN) you have used in the last 8 years**

☒ I have not used any business name or EINs.

☒ I have not used any business name or EINs.

Include trade names and *doing business as* names

Business name(s)

Business name(s)

EINs

EINs

**5. Where you live**

**2927 N. Nagle  
Chicago, IL 60634**

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

**Cook**

County

**If your mailing address is different from the one above, fill it in here.** Note that the court will send any notices to you at this mailing address.

Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

**If Debtor 2 lives at a different address:**

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

County

**If Debtor 2's mailing address is different from yours, fill it in here.** Note that the court will send any notices to this mailing address.

Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

**6. Why you are choosing this district to file for bankruptcy**

*Check one:*

☒ Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I have lived in this district longer than in any other district.

☐ I have another reason.  
Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.)

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**Part 2: Tell the Court About Your Bankruptcy Case**

7. **The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are choosing to file under** *Check one.* (For a brief description of each, see *Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)*). Also, go to the top of page 1 and check the appropriate box.
- ☐ Chapter 7
- ☐ Chapter 11
- ☐ Chapter 12
- ☒ Chapter 13
- 
8. **How you will pay the fee** ☒ **I will pay the entire fee when I file my petition.** Please check with the clerk's office in your local court for more details about how you may pay. Typically, if you are paying the fee yourself, you may pay with cash, cashier's check, or money order. If your attorney is submitting your payment on your behalf, your attorney may pay with a credit card or check with a pre-printed address.
- ☐ **I need to pay the fee in installments.** If you choose this option, sign and attach the *Application for Individuals to Pay The Filing Fee in Installments* (Official Form 103A).
- ☐ **I request that my fee be waived** (You may request this option only if you are filing for Chapter 7. By law, a judge may, but is not required to, waive your fee, and may do so only if your income is less than 150% of the official poverty line that applies to your family size and you are unable to pay the fee in installments). If you choose this option, you must fill out the *Application to Have the Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived* (Official Form 103B) and file it with your petition.
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9. **Have you filed for bankruptcy within the last 8 years?** ☐ No.
- ☒ Yes.
- |  |  |      |                 |             |                             |
|--|--|------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
|  | <b>Northern District of IL,<br/>Eastern Division</b> | When | <b>10/15/11</b> | Case number | <b>11-41946 (Chapter 7)</b> |
|  | District _____                                       | When | _____           | Case number | _____                       |
|  | District _____                                       | When | _____           | Case number | _____                       |
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10. **Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a spouse who is not filing this case with you, or by a business partner, or by an affiliate?** ☒ No
- ☐ Yes.
- |  |                |            |                             |
|--|----------------|------------|-----------------------------|
|  | Debtor _____   |            | Relationship to you _____   |
|  | District _____ | When _____ | Case number, if known _____ |
|  | Debtor _____   |            | Relationship to you _____   |
|  | District _____ | When _____ | Case number, if known _____ |
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11. **Do you rent your residence?** ☒ No. Go to line 12.
- ☐ Yes. Has your landlord obtained an eviction judgment against you and do you want to stay in your residence?
- ☐ No. Go to line 12.
- ☐ Yes. Fill out *Initial Statement About an Eviction Judgment Against You* (Form 101A) and file it with this bankruptcy petition.

Debtor 1 **Jose Ramos**  
Debtor 2 **Carmen Ramos**

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**Part 3: Report About Any Businesses You Own as a Sole Proprietor**

**12. Are you a sole proprietor of any full- or part-time business?**

- ☐ No. Go to Part 4.  
☐ Yes. Name and location of business

A sole proprietorship is a business you operate as an individual, and is not a separate legal entity such as a corporation, partnership, or LLC.

If you have more than one sole proprietorship, use a separate sheet and attach it to this petition.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of business, if any

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

*Check the appropriate box to describe your business:*

- ☐ Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))  
☐ Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))  
☐ Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))  
☐ Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))  
☐ None of the above

**13. Are you filing under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and are you a small business debtor?**

*If you are filing under Chapter 11, the court must know whether you are a small business debtor so that it can set appropriate deadlines. If you indicate that you are a small business debtor, you must attach your most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. 1116(1)(B).*

For a definition of *small business debtor*, see 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D).

- ☐ No. I am not filing under Chapter 11.  
☐ No. I am filing under Chapter 11, but I am NOT a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.  
☐ Yes. I am filing under Chapter 11 and I am a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.

**Part 4: Report if You Own or Have Any Hazardous Property or Any Property That Needs Immediate Attention**

**14. Do you own or have any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety? Or do you own any property that needs immediate attention?**

- ☐ No.  
☐ Yes. What is the hazard? \_\_\_\_\_  
If immediate attention is needed, why is it needed? \_\_\_\_\_

*For example, do you own perishable goods, or livestock that must be fed, or a building that needs urgent repairs?*

Where is the property? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code

Debtor 1 **Jose Ramos**  
Debtor 2 **Carmen Ramos**

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**Part 5: Explain Your Efforts to Receive a Briefing About Credit Counseling**

**15. Tell the court whether you have received a briefing about credit counseling.**

The law requires that you receive a briefing about credit counseling before you file for bankruptcy. You must truthfully check one of the following choices. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file.

If you file anyway, the court can dismiss your case, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors can begin collection activities again.

**About Debtor 1:**

*You must check one:*

- ☒ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.**

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

- ☐ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.**

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you **MUST** file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

- ☐ **I certify that I asked for credit counseling services from an approved agency, but was unable to obtain those services during the 7 days after I made my request, and exigent circumstances merit a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement.**

To ask for a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement, attach a separate sheet explaining what efforts you made to obtain the briefing, why you were unable to obtain it before you filed for bankruptcy, and what exigent circumstances required you to file this case.

Your case may be dismissed if the court is dissatisfied with your reasons for not receiving a briefing before you filed for bankruptcy. If the court is satisfied with your reasons, you must still receive a briefing within 30 days after you file. You must file a certificate from the approved agency, along with a copy of the payment plan you developed, if any. If you do not do so, your case may be dismissed.

Any extension of the 30-day deadline is granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days.

- ☐ **I am not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling because of:**

- ☐ **Incapacity.** I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.
- ☐ **Disability.** My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.
- ☐ **Active duty.** I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver of credit counseling with the court.

**About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):**

*You must check one:*

- ☒ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.**

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**Part 6: Answer These Questions for Reporting Purposes**

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| <b>16. What kind of debts do you have?</b> | 16a. | <b>Are your debts primarily consumer debts?</b> <i>Consumer debts</i> are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose."<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> No. Go to line 16b.<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. Go to line 17. |
|  | 16b. | <b>Are your debts primarily business debts?</b> <i>Business debts</i> are debts that you incurred to obtain money for a business or investment or through the operation of the business or investment.<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> No. Go to line 16c.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Go to line 17.        |
|  | 16c. | State the type of debts you owe that are not consumer debts or business debts<br><br><hr/>  |

  

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| <b>17. Are you filing under Chapter 7?</b><br><br><b>Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses are paid that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors?</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No.<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes. | I am not filing under Chapter 7. Go to line 18.<br><br>I am filing under Chapter 7. Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses are paid that funds will be available to distribute to unsecured creditors?<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
|--|--|---|

  

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| <b>18. How many Creditors do you estimate that you owe?</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-49<br><input type="checkbox"/> 50-99<br><input type="checkbox"/> 100-199<br><input type="checkbox"/> 200-999 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000<br><input type="checkbox"/> 5001-10,000<br><input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000<br><input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000<br><input type="checkbox"/> More than 100,000 |
|---|--|--|---|

  

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| <b>19. How much do you estimate your assets to be worth?</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000<br><input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000<br><input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million<br><input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million<br><input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million<br><input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion<br><input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion<br><input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion<br><input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion |
|--|---|--|--|

  

|   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| <b>20. How much do you estimate your liabilities to be?</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000<br><input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000<br><input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million<br><input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million<br><input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million<br><input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion<br><input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion<br><input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion<br><input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion |
|---|---|--|--|

**Part 7: Sign Below**

|                |   |
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| <b>For you</b> | I have examined this petition, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct.<br><br>If I have chosen to file under Chapter 7, I am aware that I may proceed, if eligible, under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code. I understand the relief available under each chapter, and I choose to proceed under Chapter 7.<br><br>If no attorney represents me and I did not pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help me fill out this document, I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).<br><br>I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.<br><br>I understand making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.<br><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <u>/s/ Jose Ramos</u><br/> <b>Jose Ramos</b><br/>           Signature of Debtor 1         </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <u>/s/ Carmen Ramos</u><br/> <b>Carmen Ramos</b><br/>           Signature of Debtor 2         </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 45%;">           Executed on <b>February 3, 2016</b><br/>           MM / DD / YYYY         </div> <div style="width: 45%;">           Executed on <b>February 3, 2016</b><br/>           MM / DD / YYYY         </div> </div> |
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**For your attorney, if you are represented by one**

**If you are not represented by an attorney, you do not need to file this page.**

I, the attorney for the debtor(s) named in this petition, declare that I have informed the debtor(s) about eligibility to proceed under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each chapter for which the person is eligible. I also certify that I have delivered to the debtor(s) the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) and, in a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, certify that I have no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules filed with the petition is incorrect.

**/s/ Elyssa M Pavone ARDC #** \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Attorney for Debtor

Date

**February 3, 2016** \_\_\_\_\_

MM / DD / YYYY

**Elyssa M Pavone ARDC #** \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name

**Ledford, Wu & Borges, LLC** \_\_\_\_\_

Firm name

**105 W. Madison**

**23rd Floor**

**Chicago, IL 60602** \_\_\_\_\_

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Contact phone **312-853-0200** \_\_\_\_\_

Email address

**notice@billbusters.com** \_\_\_\_\_

**6313701** \_\_\_\_\_

Bar number & State

## Fill in this information to identify your case:

|   |                               |             |           |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Debtor 1                                | <b>Jose Ramos</b>             |             |           |
|   | First Name                    | Middle Name | Last Name |
| Debtor 2                                | <b>Carmen Ramos</b>           |             |           |
| (Spouse if, filing)                     | First Name                    | Middle Name | Last Name |
| United States Bankruptcy Court for the: | NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS |             |           |
| Case number<br>(if known)               |                               |             |           |

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

## Official Form 106Sum

## Summary of Your Assets and Liabilities and Certain Statistical Information

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. Fill out all of your schedules first; then complete the information on this form. If you are filing amended schedules after you file your original forms, you must fill out a new *Summary* and check the box at the top of this page.

## Part 1: Summarize Your Assets

|     |   | Your assets<br>Value of what you own |
|-----|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1.  | <b>Schedule A/B: Property</b> (Official Form 106A/B)          |                                      |
| 1a. | Copy line 55, Total real estate, from Schedule A/B.....       | \$ <b>202,966.00</b>                 |
| 1b. | Copy line 62, Total personal property, from Schedule A/B..... | \$ <b>33,815.00</b>                  |
| 1c. | Copy line 63, Total of all property on Schedule A/B.....      | \$ <b>236,781.00</b>                 |

## Part 2: Summarize Your Liabilities

|                        |   | Your liabilities<br>Amount you owe |
|------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 2.                     | <b>Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property</b> (Official Form 106D)   |                                    |
| 2a.                    | Copy the total you listed in Column A, <i>Amount of claim</i> , at the bottom of the last page of Part 1 of <i>Schedule D</i> ... | \$ <b>367,802.00</b>               |
| 3.                     | <b>Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims</b> (Official Form 106E/F)   |                                    |
| 3a.                    | Copy the total claims from Part 1 (priority unsecured claims) from line 6e of <i>Schedule E/F</i> .....                           | \$ <b>0.00</b>                     |
| 3b.                    | Copy the total claims from Part 2 (nonpriority unsecured claims) from line 6j of <i>Schedule E/F</i> .....                        | \$ <b>6,175.00</b>                 |
| Your total liabilities |   | \$ <b>373,977.00</b>               |

## Part 3: Summarize Your Income and Expenses

|    |   |                    |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 4. | <b>Schedule I: Your Income</b> (Official Form 106I)                       |                    |
|    | Copy your combined monthly income from line 12 of <i>Schedule I</i> ..... | \$ <b>5,646.00</b> |
| 5. | <b>Schedule J: Your Expenses</b> (Official Form 106J)                     |                    |
|    | Copy your monthly expenses from line 22c of <i>Schedule J</i> .....       | \$ <b>4,901.00</b> |

## Part 4: Answer These Questions for Administrative and Statistical Records

6. **Are you filing for bankruptcy under Chapters 7, 11, or 13?**
- ☐ No. You have nothing to report on this part of the form. Check this box and submit this form to the court with your other schedules.
- ☒ Yes
7. **What kind of debt do you have?**
- ☒ **Your debts are primarily consumer debts.** *Consumer debts* are those "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose." 11 U.S.C. § 101(8). Fill out lines 8-9g for statistical purposes. 28 U.S.C. § 159.
- ☐ **Your debts are not primarily consumer debts.** You have nothing to report on this part of the form. *Check this box* and submit this form to the court with your other schedules.



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8. **From the *Statement of Your Current Monthly Income*:** Copy your total current monthly income from Official Form 122A-1 Line 11; **OR**, Form 122B Line 11; **OR**, Form 122C-1 Line 14.

\$ 5,668.82

9. **Copy the following special categories of claims from Part 4, line 6 of *Schedule E/F*:**

|  | Total claim     |
|--|-----------------|
| <b>From Part 4 on <i>Schedule E/F</i>, copy the following:</b>   |                 |
| 9a. Domestic support obligations (Copy line 6a.)   | \$ <u>0.00</u>  |
| 9b. Taxes and certain other debts you owe the government. (Copy line 6b.)  | \$ <u>0.00</u>  |
| 9c. Claims for death or personal injury while you were intoxicated. (Copy line 6c.)  | \$ <u>0.00</u>  |
| 9d. Student loans. (Copy line 6f.)   | \$ <u>0.00</u>  |
| 9e. Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims. (Copy line 6g.) | \$ <u>0.00</u>  |
| 9f. Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts. (Copy line 6h.)                                       | +\$ <u>0.00</u> |
| 9g. <b>Total.</b> Add lines 9a through 9f.   | \$ <u>0.00</u>  |

Fill in this information to identify your case and this filing:

|  |                     |             |           |
|--|---------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Debtor 1   | <b>Jose Ramos</b>   |             |           |
|  | First Name          | Middle Name | Last Name |
| Debtor 2   | <b>Carmen Ramos</b> |             |           |
| (Spouse, if filing)  | First Name          | Middle Name | Last Name |
| United States Bankruptcy Court for the: <b>NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS</b> |                     |             |           |
| Case number _____  |                     |             |           |

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

## Official Form 106A/B Schedule A/B: Property

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In each category, separately list and describe items. List an asset only once. If an asset fits in more than one category, list the asset in the category where you think it fits best. Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

**Part 1:** Describe Each Residence, Building, Land, or Other Real Estate You Own or Have an Interest In

1. Do you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any residence, building, land, or similar property?

- ☐ No. Go to Part 2.
- ☒ Yes. Where is the property?

1.1

**2927 N. Nagle**

Street address, if available, or other description

**Chicago IL 60634-0000**

City State ZIP Code

**Cook**

County

What is the property? Check all that apply

- ☒ Single-family home
- ☐ Duplex or multi-unit building
- ☐ Condominium or cooperative
- ☐ Manufactured or mobile home
- ☐ Land
- ☐ Investment property
- ☐ Timeshare
- ☒ Other **Debtor's Residence**

Who has an interest in the property? Check one

- ☒ Debtor 1 only
- ☐ Debtor 2 only
- ☐ Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only
- ☐ At least one of the debtors and another

Other information you wish to add about this item, such as local property identification number:

Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions. Put the amount of any secured claims on *Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property*.

Current value of the entire property?

**\$197,966.00**

Current value of the portion you own?

**\$197,966.00**

Describe the nature of your ownership interest (such as fee simple, tenancy by the entireties, or a life estate), if known.

☐ Check if this is community property (see instructions)

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Debtor 2 **Carmen Ramos**

Case number (if known)

**If you own or have more than one, list here:**

1.2

**Lake Holiday**

**11780 W. State Road 10**

Street address, if available, or other description

**Demotte IN 46310-0000**

City State ZIP Code

**Jasper**

County

**What is the property?** Check all that apply

- ☐ Single-family home  
☐ Duplex or multi-unit building  
☐ Condominium or cooperative  
☒ Manufactured or mobile home  
☐ Land  
☐ Investment property  
☐ Timeshare  
☐ Other

**Who has an interest in the property?** Check one

- ☐ Debtor 1 only  
☐ Debtor 2 only  
☒ Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only  
☐ At least one of the debtors and another

**Other information you wish to add about this item, such as local property identification number:**

**CAMPER IN INDIANA**

Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions. Put the amount of any secured claims on *Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property*.

**Current value of the entire property?**

**\$5,000.00**

**Current value of the portion you own?**

**\$5,000.00**

**Describe the nature of your ownership interest (such as fee simple, tenancy by the entireties, or a life estate), if known.**

☐ **Check if this is community property** (see instructions)

2. **Add the dollar value of the portion you own for all of your entries from Part 1, including any entries for pages you have attached for Part 1. Write that number here.....=>**

**\$202,966.00**

**Part 2: Describe Your Vehicles**

**Do you own, lease, or have legal or equitable interest in any vehicles, whether they are registered or not?** Include any vehicles you own that someone else drives. If you lease a vehicle, also report it on *Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases*.

3. **Cars, vans, trucks, tractors, sport utility vehicles, motorcycles**

☐ No

☒ Yes

3.1 Make: **Nissan**  
Model: **Juke**  
Year: **2015**  
Approximate mileage: **3,800**  
Other information:

**Who has an interest in the property?** Check one

- ☐ Debtor 1 only  
☐ Debtor 2 only  
☒ Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only  
☐ At least one of the debtors and another

☐ **Check if this is community property** (see instructions)

Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions. Put the amount of any secured claims on *Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property*.

**Current value of the entire property?**

**\$24,250.00**

**Current value of the portion you own?**

**\$24,250.00**

3.2 Make: **Jeep**  
Model: **Liberty**  
Year: **2005**  
Approximate mileage: **58,000**  
Other information:

**Who has an interest in the property?** Check one

- ☐ Debtor 1 only  
☐ Debtor 2 only  
☒ Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only  
☐ At least one of the debtors and another

☐ **Check if this is community property** (see instructions)

Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions. Put the amount of any secured claims on *Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property*.

**Current value of the entire property?**

**\$5,975.00**

**Current value of the portion you own?**

**\$5,975.00**

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**4. Watercraft, aircraft, motor homes, ATVs and other recreational vehicles, other vehicles, and accessories**

*Examples:* Boats, trailers, motors, personal watercraft, fishing vessels, snowmobiles, motorcycle accessories

☒ No

☐ Yes

**5 Add the dollar value of the portion you own for all of your entries from Part 2, including any entries for pages you have attached for Part 2. Write that number here.....=>**

**\$30,225.00**

**Part 3: Describe Your Personal and Household Items**

**Do you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any of the following items?**

**Current value of the portion you own?**  
Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions.

**6. Household goods and furnishings**

*Examples:* Major appliances, furniture, linens, china, kitchenware

☐ No

☒ Yes. Describe.....

**Misc used household goods and furnishings, including: Sofa, Loveseat, Entertainment Ctr, Center, Television, VCR, Coffee Table, End Tables, Dining Table/Chairs, Refrigerator, Freezer, Stove, Microwave, Dishwasher, Washer/Dryer, Pots/Pans, Dishes/Flatware, Vacuum, Coffee Maker, Bedroom Sets, Lamps, Telephone, Lawnmower, Snow Blower, Misc. Tools**

**\$500.00**

**7. Electronics**

*Examples:* Televisions and radios; audio, video, stereo, and digital equipment; computers, printers, scanners; music collections; electronic devices including cell phones, cameras, media players, games

☐ No

☒ Yes. Describe.....

**Television, DVD Player, Computer, Printer, Tablet, Video-Game System, Stereo, and Cell Phone.**

**\$300.00**

**8. Collectibles of value**

*Examples:* Antiques and figurines; paintings, prints, or other artwork; books, pictures, or other art objects; stamp, coin, or baseball card collections; other collections, memorabilia, collectibles

☐ No

☒ Yes. Describe.....

**Books & Family Pictures**

**\$50.00**

**9. Equipment for sports and hobbies**

*Examples:* Sports, photographic, exercise, and other hobby equipment; bicycles, pool tables, golf clubs, skis; canoes and kayaks; carpentry tools; musical instruments

☒ No

☐ Yes. Describe.....

**10. Firearms**

*Examples:* Pistols, rifles, shotguns, ammunition, and related equipment

☒ No

☐ Yes. Describe.....

**11. Clothes**

*Examples:* Everyday clothes, furs, leather coats, designer wear, shoes, accessories

☐ No

☒ Yes. Describe.....

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**Necessary Wearing Apparel**

**\$300.00**

**12. Jewelry**

*Examples:* Everyday jewelry, costume jewelry, engagement rings, wedding rings, heirloom jewelry, watches, gems, gold, silver

☐ No

☒ Yes. Describe.....

**JEWELRY and WATCHES**

**\$200.00**

**13. Non-farm animals**

*Examples:* Dogs, cats, birds, horses

☒ No

☐ Yes. Describe.....

**14. Any other personal and household items you did not already list, including any health aids you did not list**

☒ No

☐ Yes. Give specific information.....

**15. Add the dollar value of all of your entries from Part 3, including any entries for pages you have attached for Part 3. Write that number here .....**

**\$1,350.00**

**Part 4: Describe Your Financial Assets**

**Do you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any of the following?**

**Current value of the portion you own?**  
Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions.

**16. Cash**

*Examples:* Money you have in your wallet, in your home, in a safe deposit box, and on hand when you file your petition

☐ No

☒ Yes.....

**Cash**

**\$20.00**

**17. Deposits of money**

*Examples:* Checking, savings, or other financial accounts; certificates of deposit; shares in credit unions, brokerage houses, and other similar institutions. If you have multiple accounts with the same institution, list each.

☐ No

☒ Yes.....

Institution name:

17.1. **Savings**

**Fifth-Third Bank**

**\$2,000.00**

17.2. **Checking**

**US Bank**

**\$20.00**

**18. Bonds, mutual funds, or publicly traded stocks**

*Examples:* Bond funds, investment accounts with brokerage firms, money market accounts

☒ No

☐ Yes.....

Institution or issuer name:

**19. Non-publicly traded stock and interests in incorporated and unincorporated businesses, including an interest in an LLC, partnership, and joint venture**

☐ No

☒ Yes. Give specific information about them.....

Name of entity:

% of ownership:

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**Co-Debtor owns Playhouse Home Day-Care  
which owns books, toys, cribs, and beds.**

**100%** %

**\$200.00**

**20. Government and corporate bonds and other negotiable and non-negotiable instruments**

*Negotiable instruments* include personal checks, cashiers' checks, promissory notes, and money orders.  
*Non-negotiable instruments* are those you cannot transfer to someone by signing or delivering them.

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes. Give specific information about them  
Issuer name: \_\_\_\_\_

**21. Retirement or pension accounts**

*Examples:* Interests in IRA, ERISA, Keogh, 401(k), 403(b), thrift savings accounts, or other pension or profit-sharing plans

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes. List each account separately.  
Type of account: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution name: \_\_\_\_\_

**22. Security deposits and prepayments**

Your share of all unused deposits you have made so that you may continue service or use from a company  
*Examples:* Agreements with landlords, prepaid rent, public utilities (electric, gas, water), telecommunications companies, or others

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes. .... Institution name or individual: \_\_\_\_\_

**23. Annuities** (A contract for a periodic payment of money to you, either for life or for a number of years)

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes..... Issuer name and description. \_\_\_\_\_

**24. Interests in an education IRA, in an account in a qualified ABLE program, or under a qualified state tuition program.**

26 U.S.C. §§ 530(b)(1), 529A(b), and 529(b)(1).

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes..... Institution name and description. Separately file the records of any interests. 11 U.S.C. § 521(c): \_\_\_\_\_

**25. Trusts, equitable or future interests in property (other than anything listed in line 1), and rights or powers exercisable for your benefit**

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes. Give specific information about them... \_\_\_\_\_

**26. Patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, and other intellectual property**

*Examples:* Internet domain names, websites, proceeds from royalties and licensing agreements

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes. Give specific information about them... \_\_\_\_\_

**27. Licenses, franchises, and other general intangibles**

*Examples:* Building permits, exclusive licenses, cooperative association holdings, liquor licenses, professional licenses

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes. Give specific information about them... \_\_\_\_\_

**Money or property owed to you?**

**Current value of the  
portion you own?**  
Do not deduct secured  
claims or exemptions.

**28. Tax refunds owed to you**

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes. Give specific information about them, including whether you already filed the returns and the tax years..... \_\_\_\_\_

**29. Family support**

*Examples:* Past due or lump sum alimony, spousal support, child support, maintenance, divorce settlement, property settlement

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes. Give specific information..... \_\_\_\_\_

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**30. Other amounts someone owes you**

*Examples:* Unpaid wages, disability insurance payments, disability benefits, sick pay, vacation pay, workers' compensation, Social Security benefits; unpaid loans you made to someone else

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes. Give specific information..

**31. Interests in insurance policies**

*Examples:* Health, disability, or life insurance; health savings account (HSA); credit, homeowner's, or renter's insurance

- ☐ No  
☒ Yes. Name the insurance company of each policy and list its value.

Company name:

Beneficiary:

Surrender or refund  
value:

**Term Life Insurance Policy with  
Jackson Insurance - No Cash  
Surrender Value**

**\$0.00**

**Term Life Insurance Policy with  
Jackson Insurance - No Cash  
Surrender Value**

**\$0.00**

**32. Any interest in property that is due you from someone who has died**

If you are the beneficiary of a living trust, expect proceeds from a life insurance policy, or are currently entitled to receive property because someone has died.

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes. Give specific information..

**33. Claims against third parties, whether or not you have filed a lawsuit or made a demand for payment**

*Examples:* Accidents, employment disputes, insurance claims, or rights to sue

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes. Describe each claim.....

**34. Other contingent and unliquidated claims of every nature, including counterclaims of the debtor and rights to set off claims**

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes. Describe each claim.....

**35. Any financial assets you did not already list**

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes. Give specific information..

**36. Add the dollar value of all of your entries from Part 4, including any entries for pages you have attached for Part 4. Write that number here.....**

**\$2,240.00**

**Part 5: Describe Any Business-Related Property You Own or Have an Interest In. List any real estate in Part 1.**

**37. Do you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any business-related property?**

- ☒ No. Go to Part 6.  
☐ Yes. Go to line 38.

**Part 6: Describe Any Farm- and Commercial Fishing-Related Property You Own or Have an Interest In.**

If you own or have an interest in farmland, list it in Part 1.

**46. Do you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any farm- or commercial fishing-related property?**

- ☒ No. Go to Part 7.  
☐ Yes. Go to line 47.

**Part 7: Describe All Property You Own or Have an Interest in That You Did Not List Above**

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53. **Do you have other property of any kind you did not already list?**

*Examples: Season tickets, country club membership*

☒ No

☐ Yes. Give specific information.....

54. **Add the dollar value of all of your entries from Part 7. Write that number here .....**

**\$0.00**

**Part 8:** List the Totals of Each Part of this Form

|   |                    |   |
|---|--------------------|---|
| 55. <b>Part 1: Total real estate, line 2 .....</b>                      |                    | <b>\$202,966.00</b>                             |
| 56. <b>Part 2: Total vehicles, line 5</b>                               | <b>\$30,225.00</b> |   |
| 57. <b>Part 3: Total personal and household items, line 15</b>          | <b>\$1,350.00</b>  |   |
| 58. <b>Part 4: Total financial assets, line 36</b>                      | <b>\$2,240.00</b>  |   |
| 59. <b>Part 5: Total business-related property, line 45</b>             | <b>\$0.00</b>      |   |
| 60. <b>Part 6: Total farm- and fishing-related property, line 52</b>    | <b>\$0.00</b>      |   |
| 61. <b>Part 7: Total other property not listed, line 54</b>             | <b>\$0.00</b>      |   |
|   | <b>+</b>           |   |
| 62. <b>Total personal property. Add lines 56 through 61...</b>          | <b>\$33,815.00</b> | <b>Copy personal property total \$33,815.00</b> |
| 63. <b>Total of all property on Schedule A/B. Add line 55 + line 62</b> |                    | <b>\$236,781.00</b>                             |



**Fill in this information to identify your case:**

|   |                               |             |           |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Debtor 1                                | <b>Jose Ramos</b>             |             |           |
|   | First Name                    | Middle Name | Last Name |
| Debtor 2                                | <b>Carmen Ramos</b>           |             |           |
| (Spouse if, filing)                     | First Name                    | Middle Name | Last Name |
| United States Bankruptcy Court for the: | NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS |             |           |
| Case number<br>(if known)               |                               |             |           |

☐ Check if this is an amended filing
**Official Form 106C****Schedule C: The Property You Claim as Exempt**

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. Using the property you listed on *Schedule A/B: Property* (Official Form 106A/B) as your source, list the property that you claim as exempt. If more space is needed, fill out and attach to this page as many copies of *Part 2: Additional Page* as necessary. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

**For each item of property you claim as exempt, you must specify the amount of the exemption you claim. One way of doing so is to state a specific dollar amount as exempt. Alternatively, you may claim the full fair market value of the property being exempted up to the amount of any applicable statutory limit. Some exemptions—such as those for health aids, rights to receive certain benefits, and tax-exempt retirement funds—may be unlimited in dollar amount. However, if you claim an exemption of 100% of fair market value under a law that limits the exemption to a particular dollar amount and the value of the property is determined to exceed that amount, your exemption would be limited to the applicable statutory amount.**

**Part 1: Identify the Property You Claim as Exempt**

1. Which set of exemptions are you claiming? Check one only, even if your spouse is filing with you.

- ☒ You are claiming state and federal nonbankruptcy exemptions. 11 U.S.C. § 522(b)(3)
- ☐ You are claiming federal exemptions. 11 U.S.C. § 522(b)(2)

2. For any property you list on *Schedule A/B* that you claim as exempt, fill in the information below.

| Brief description of the property and line on <i>Schedule A/B</i> that lists this property  | Current value of the portion you own<br><small>Copy the value from <i>Schedule A/B</i></small> | Amount of the exemption you claim<br><small>Check only one box for each exemption.</small>   | Specific laws that allow exemption |
|---|--|--|------------------------------------|
| <b>2927 N. Nagle Chicago, IL 60634</b><br><b>Cook County</b><br>Line from <i>Schedule A/B</i> : 1.1   | <b>\$197,966.00</b>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>\$15,000.00</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit | <b>735 ILCS 5/12-901</b>           |
| <b>Lake Holiday 11780 W. State Road 10</b><br><b>Demotte, IN 46310 Jasper County</b><br><b>CAMPER IN INDIANA</b><br>Line from <i>Schedule A/B</i> : 1.2 | <b>\$5,000.00</b>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>\$4,425.00</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit  | <b>735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b)</b>       |
| <b>2015 Nissan Juke 3,800 miles</b><br>Line from <i>Schedule A/B</i> : 3.1  | <b>\$24,250.00</b>   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>\$2,400.00</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit  | <b>735 ILCS 5/12-1001(c)</b>       |
| <b>2005 Jeep Liberty 58,000 miles</b><br>Line from <i>Schedule A/B</i> : 3.2  | <b>\$5,975.00</b>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>\$2,400.00</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit  | <b>735 ILCS 5/12-1001(c)</b>       |
| <b>2005 Jeep Liberty 58,000 miles</b><br>Line from <i>Schedule A/B</i> : 3.2  | <b>\$5,975.00</b>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>\$3,575.00</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit  | <b>735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b)</b>       |

## BILLBUSTERS

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### CONSULTATION AGREEMENT

| FOR OFFICE USE         |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Client No.             | 66212   |
| Interviewing Attorney: | AWP     |
| Date:                  | 1/13/16 |

THIS AGREEMENT IS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW (11 U.S.C. § 528(a))

1. **Parties:** In this contract, "Client" means the undersigned, both individually and jointly; "Attorney" means the law firm of Ledford, Wu & Borges, LLC and its staff attorneys.

2. **Purpose:** Client has requested the opportunity to consult with and obtain information and advice from Attorney concerning options for relief from debts, which may include filing bankruptcy. This agreement is for purposes of that consultation only.

3. **Client's Duties:** In order for Attorney to give meaningful advice, Client agrees to give accurate, honest, full and fair disclosure of financial information concerning income over the past three years from all sources, monthly living expenses, the type and amount of all debts (including names and addresses of all creditors), all assets and property owned by the client, wherever located and by whomever held, and any additional information determined by Attorney to be relevant.

4. **Services:** The attorney agrees to provide Client with the following services:

- analyzing Client's financial circumstances based on information provided by Client;
- to the extent possible, advising Client of bankruptcy options and non-bankruptcy options based on the information provided by Client;
- if Client has not provided Attorney with sufficient information upon which to fully advise Client on Client's options, informing Client what additional information Client needs to provide in order to enable Attorney to provide such advice and information;
- where applicable, advising Client of the requirements placed upon Client to file a bankruptcy; and
- to the extent possible, quoting a fee for providing bankruptcy and/or nonbankruptcy assistance to Client

5. **Fees (check one):**

☒ A consultation fee will be waived if Client decides not to retain Attorney, in which case the attorney-client relationship shall terminate at the conclusion of the interview

☐ Client agrees to pay \$\_\_\_\_\_ in nonrefundable consultation fee

In the event Client decides to retain Attorney, this consultation becomes billable and is covered by the legal fee charged for the case, and a new written contract, as well as a Court-Approved Retention Agreement if applicable, must be signed by Client and Attorney, which shall supersede this agreement. The new agreement(s) will also provide a detailed explanation of the parties' obligations and a breakdown of the costs.

6. **Acknowledgement:** Client acknowledges that the first date upon which Attorney provided any bankruptcy assistance to Client is the date noted above, and that Attorney provided Client with a copy of this agreement and the disclosure and information mandated by Section 527(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

x Jane Baus x Charmen Famp Date: 1/13/16

Attorney Signature: [Signature]

ARDC #: 6313701

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## ATTORNEY RETENTION CONTRACT

FOR OFFICE USE (13)

Client No. 66212Responsible attorney: EMPCARA signed? Y N

1. **Parties.** In this contract, "Client" means the undersigned, both individually and jointly; "Attorney" means Ledford, Wu & Borges, LLC and its staff attorneys. This contract shall supersede any prior contracts and agreements between the parties to the extent of inconsistency. **In the event of any inconsistency between this contract and a Court-Approved Retention Agreement, the latter shall prevail.**

2. **Services:** Client retains Attorney for the following services: ☐ Chapter 13 bankruptcy (debt adjustment)

3. **Scope of Representation:**

(a) Attorney will counsel and represent Client in all aspects of the above matter(s) for the fee specified in Paragraph 4 EXCEPT: (1) adversary proceedings; (2) post-discharge litigation; (3) appeals; (4) other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Attorney may agree, but is not obligated, to represent Client in the above excluded matters for an additional fee, to be agreed upon separately by the parties.

4. **Fees:**

☒ Legal fee: \$ 4000.00 PLUS \$310 filing fee (court cost) (an additional Court-Approved Retention Agreement may apply)

☒ Expenses: \$ 80.00 (merged credit report and credit counseling)

TOTAL: \$ 4390.00 less retainer received: \$ 860.00 Fee balance: \$ 3530.00 To be paid by: through plan

The legal fee is an ☒ advance payment retainer ☐ security retainer ☐ classic retainer, and is a flat fee unless otherwise stated. Attorney is unable to represent Client without receiving an advance payment retainer since a security retainer will be within the reach of Client's creditors. Should hourly billing be necessary, Attorney's billing rates are \$300-\$400/hour for partners, \$250/hour for associates, and \$90/hour for law clerks. The filing fee and expenses are subject to change at any time. The billing rates are subject to an annual review and potential increase every calendar year.

The legal fee covers the initial consultation and all subsequent work. The case may be closed if the fees are not paid by the deadline. Additional legal fees may apply if the parties have entered into a Court-Approved Retention Agreement and such Agreement so authorizes, or if the case is converted from one chapter to another. Additional court costs may apply for amending a petition, list, schedule or statement post-filing or other reasons not due to Attorney's fault. NSF checks will be assessed a \$20 fee.

5. **Initial Consultation.** Client acknowledges that Attorney has explained the following (please initial):

SR OK The options of Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 and that Client has made the choice identified in Paragraph 2

SR OK The concepts of exemption, discharge and dischargeability, and pre-filing and post-filing procedures

SR OK The difference among various types of retainer and that Client has made the choice identified in Paragraph 4

SR OK A Chapter 13 plan will be submitted to the Court in good faith. The plan payment may have to increase if creditor claims come in higher than scheduled, creditors successfully argue that they are entitled to a higher interest rate, the Trustee successfully argues that the budgeted income is lower than actual income, the Trustee successfully argues that budgeted expenses are unreasonably high or the Court makes a finding that the plan is not the best effort you can make to repay your creditors.

SR OK **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.** Any delay on Client's part may disqualify Client for the type of relief elected or otherwise adversely affect Client's case. Attorney may not be able to file the case, or take other necessary actions, until all requested documents and/or information, including but not limited to a certificate of credit counseling, are received by Attorney

Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Client understands that the advice given during the initial consultation is preliminary and based on the information available at the time, and may change as the case is further analyzed, more facts discovered, or Client's circumstances or the law changed.

6. **Client's Duties.** Client agrees, during the course of representation, to:

- (a) provide Attorney with full, accurate and timely information, financial and otherwise;
- (b) follow Attorney's procedures and cooperate with Attorney in providing requested documents and information;
- (c) promptly inform Attorney of any change of address, phone number, e-mail address or employment, or activation of military duty;
- (d) inform Attorney before buying, selling, refinancing or transferring any real property in which Client has any interest, and before incurring any new debt, including but not limited to applying for an auto loan, personal loan, payday loan or title loan, applying for a credit card or line of credit, or using an existing credit card or line of credit; and
- (e) promptly inform Attorney if Client becomes entitled to an inheritance, an asset as a result of a property settlement agreement with Client's spouse or a divorce decree, life insurance proceeds, or a monetary judgment, award or settlement.

7. **Co-counsel.** Client understands that more than one attorney may work on this case. Where necessary, Client agrees to employ outside counsel, at Attorney's expense, to work on this case, including: Kathleen W. Vaught, Kelly M. Johnson, David Carter, or Christina Banyon.

8. **Termination.** Client may discharge Attorney at any time, subject to payment of any fee owed for the services already rendered. Attorney may terminate the representation as permitted by the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct and Local Bankruptcy Rules. Any flat fee for a bankruptcy case is advance payment for future services, becomes Attorney's property upon receipt, and is nonrefundable upon filing of the petition. In the event the representation is terminated by either party before filing and Client has paid Attorney more than \$300, Attorney will provide Client with a detailed itemization of the services rendered in support of any fee charged at the rate set forth in Paragraph 4, and Client will reimburse Attorney for any expenses, including those that otherwise would be free of charge, and authorizes Attorney to apply the filing fee and any payment for expenses that have not been incurred towards the attorney's fee, subject to the requirements set forth herein.

Attorney Signature: [Signature]

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ARDC #

Date: 1/13/1663B701

Ally Financial  
Po Box 380901  
Bloomington, MN 55438

American General Financial/Springleaf Fi  
Springleaf Financial/Attn: Bankruptcy De  
Po Box 3251  
Evansville, IN 47731

Bank of America  
Nc4-105-03-14  
Po Box 26012  
Greensboro, NC 27410

Capital One  
Attn: Bankruptcy  
Po Box 30285  
Salt Lake City, UT 84130

Kohls/Capital One  
Po Box 3120  
Milwaukee, WI 53201

Snchnfin  
2 Transam Plaza Dr  
Oak Brook Terr, IL 60181

Tnb-Visa (TV) / Target  
C/O Financial & Retail Services  
Mailstop BV PO Box 9475  
Minneapolis, MN 55440

Us Bank  
Cb Disputes  
Saint Louis, MO 63166